

# NEWSLETTER – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018



Value of the Month – Peace



25<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y4 trip to Lunt

26<sup>th</sup> Sept – KSI Languages Day

28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y6 Loudmouth production in school

28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Y4 start swimming (every Friday until Christmas)

Value of the Month – Forgiveness



9<sup>th</sup> Oct – 9.00am – Reception Parents phonics workshop

10<sup>th</sup> Oct – YR-Y5 Flu immunisations

11<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y4 class assembly

12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest mufti day

15<sup>th</sup> Oct – 3.00-4.00pm Harvest food sale in the hall

16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Individual photographs

17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Reception afternoon tea

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – 4.00-6.30pm – Parents evening

## WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

We have now done our first full week back and I would like to say how impressed everyone is with how the children have returned to school. They have been working so hard in class on their new topics, they have been fantastic when given free time and at lunchtime and it a fantastic start to a new academic year – thank you all so much! We have lots of great things planned for the children this year so please keep an eye out for dates for your diary! I also hope you like the new second page of the newsletter, its written by the phase leaders so you will know exactly what has been going on in your child's year group. Home-School agreements will be coming home soon, please can you and your child sign them and return it to their class teacher – thank you.

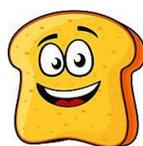
Mrs Garratt

## Thank you Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2!

Thank you to all of the Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents who have helped us during the last couple of days when we have been trailing coming in through separate gates in a morning. The children are coming in a lot quicker but more importantly it is safer for everyone concerned. We will be continuing this for the foreseeable future.

## Breakfast Club and Clarinet

Please see the front office staff if you would like to book your child a space in either our breakfast club or to start playing the clarinet as we still currently have places available for both.



## Leadership Team Contact Details

Just a reminder if you have spoken to your child's teacher and feel that you would still like to discuss a matter, please contact the relevant leadership team member on the following email address...

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 leadershipteam@highfields.sandwell.sch.uk



## Golden Book – Well done to you all!

Since the last newsletter was published these children have received Golden Book certificates...



7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	
Nam	-
Npm	-
RWa	Millie Jones
RWo	Betsy Lester
ID	Benjamin Sidebottom
IS	Brandon Lampitt
2P	Poppy Ellis
2Q	Imogen Hall
3B	Selina Kouser
3G	Lee McVeagh
4P	Ethan Evans
4R	Chantelle Orme
5K	Alexia Jew
5S	Mary Simmonds
6C	-
6H	-
PE	Hart Reynolds

## Footballing Future!

A huge well done to Alexia Jew, 5K and Millie Radcliffe, 5K who recently took



part in a football tournament representing their team Rowley Wildcats. As well as receiving trophies for competing Millie also won girl of the tournament. Well done to both of you!

## Disney's Dancing Queens

I was extremely proud of three of our children who performed in the Magic Parade at Disneyland Paris during the Summer holidays. Brooke Price, ID, Evie Harris, 3B and Sydney Partridge, 5K. The children have shown me their personalised t-shirts and photographs from their time in France and it looked absolutely amazing – well done all!



## Attendance and House Point Awards

Sandwell Local Authority sets our attendance target at **96.5%**

This week's whole school attendance was **97.1%** so this week we were **above** target!

The winning classes attendance are...

EYFS – RWA **99.6%** KSI – IS – **99.2%** KS2 – 3B & 5K – **99.4%**



Rowley  
311



Haden  
255



Clent  
253



Kinver  
225

## Nursery and Reception

### Welcome back to Nursery and Reception!

The children have settled in well and are beginning to learn their new routine. Reception class have started their topic of Me, Myself and I and have created wonderful self-portraits using plates and materials. Nursery's topic is Marvellous Me. The children have used mirrors to paint their own self-portraits and did a brilliant job!



**Reception** - It has been lovely to see how prepared the children have been whilst starting back at school. Unfortunately, we have limited space in the cloakroom area and therefore encourage children to bring their belongings in a book bag that can easily be placed in their tray.



**PE days** – Thursday and Friday

**Nursery** – thank you to everyone who have helped their child settle into their first days in Nursery.

**PE day** - Monday – please ensure kits are in school.

### Dates for your diary

17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September – **Reception** play and stay

16<sup>th</sup> October – **Reception** and **Nursery** photographs

17<sup>th</sup> October – **Reception** Grandparents afternoon

25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September – **Nursery** play and stay

5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October – **Nursery** Grandparent's Day

Letters will follow regarding some of these events

Miss Westwood - Phase Co-Ordinator

## Year 1 and Year 2

### Welcome back Year 1 and Year 2!

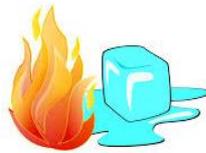
We are impressed with how the children have started the Autumn term so far and we hope that this continues. Children have been arriving on time and have been settling well into their new classes – well done!

### Year 1 – Step Right Up!

On Wednesday Year One started their brand new topic of 'Step Right Up'. This topic is linked to the circus, therefore staff dressed up as different circus characters, including a lion tamer, a ringmaster, clown and a strongman. The children had lots of fun carrying out craft activities linked to the circus and practiced their circus skills such as tightrope walking, juggling and hula hooping.



**PE days** – Tuesday and Thursday



### Year 2 – Fire and Ice

Last Thursday, we had a visit from West Midlands Fire Service to begin our topic! They talked to us about fire safety and we were even able to use the water hose! They taught us how to stop, drop and roll and helped us to think about how to keep safe at home. During the afternoon, we made fire art and completed an ice experiment to find out which material helped to keep Izzy the Ice Cube frozen for the longest period of time.

**PE days** – Tuesday and Friday

Mrs Quigley - Phase Co-Ordinator

## Year 3 and Year 4

### Welcome to all parents of Year 3 and 4!

It's been a very positive start to the year in Years 3 and 4. I've been impressed by the way all children have settled back into school, and particularly those in Year 3 who have entered into Key Stage 2 routines well.

In Year 4 we are going to be studying Ancient Rome throughout the term. We were really impressed with their Roman costumes on the first day. Your help and support was much appreciated and the children looked fabulous! Please use the Knowledge Organiser with your children to continue supporting their learning.

**Year 4** will be **swimming** on Friday's until Christmas so please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit each week.



**Welcome to Year 3!** Welcome back after the Summer holidays, we hope you had a lovely break. We are looking forward to an exciting term! Our topic this term is the Stone Age. We will learn

about life in the Stone Age and how it changed and developed over time. We will also enjoy a trip to Creswell Crags on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November where we will explore Stone Age life.

**PE:** Year 3 will have PE on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon, please ensure your child has full PE kit in school with them and remember to remove earrings and tie long hair back.

Mr Roper - Phase Co-Ordinator



## Year 5 and Year 6

### Welcome back to Year 5 and 6!

We have had a fantastic start to the term with children enjoying the introductions to their new topics. Year 5 are learning about World War II and they have already created their own evacuee IDs. Year 6's topic is called 'Survival of the Fittest'. To kick-start this we enjoyed a trip to Edgmond Hall where we created our own shelters and participated in many teamwork activities.



*'The trip was so much fun. My favourite part was when we had to test if the shelters were waterproof or not.'* – Y6 child



You will notice your child has a new **reading record** for you to record when you hear them read. We strongly recommend hearing your child read daily and discussing the text and vocabulary with them.

**Spelling tests** will be completed on a Friday. Again, please practise these with your child.



This half term, both year groups will have **PE** on a Wednesday and Thursday (these are subject to occasional change)

It's been a pleasure to see how engaged the children have been with their learning since they have come back and I look forward to this contributing to, what I'm sure will be, a very happy, fulfilling and positive year for all!



Miss Hunter - Phase Co-Ordinator